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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 446,700 IN JANUARY

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island decreased in January, primarily as a result of seasonal declines in Trade, Services, Contract Construction and Jewelry-Silverware, as well as a labor dispute in the Primary Metals manufacturing industry, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 446,700 in January. While this figure represents a reduction of 11,600 jobs from the December level of 458,300, it is 6,400 above the January 1987 total of 440,300.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1986 and 1987 have been revised to a first quarter 1987 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1986-1987.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory jobs in Rhode Island fell by 2,600 in January to a level of 114,000. In addition, this figure represents a drop of 1,900 from the year ago total of 115,900. In the Durable Goods category, the January employment level of 78,400 reflected a decline of 2,100 from the prior month and was down 1,600 compared to the year earlier figure. Payroll levels in the Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased 500 in the December-January period to 35,600, which represented a downturn of 300 from the same month a year ago.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial monthly job declines occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-800) and Primary Metals (-600, due almost entirely to

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WORKFORCE 2000, a new partnership between state government and the business community, is intended to improve the standard of living for all Rhode Islanders by increasing their opportunities for continued employment and better jobs. To that end, a major employment event - The Governor's WORKFORCE 2000 Job Fair - will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 1988 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Providence Civic Center. The Fair will bring together employers and job applicants for:

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Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Total Placements	442	667	646
New Applications	2,443	1,993	2,073
New Openings Rec'd.	1,216	862	1,257

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	% Change Dec. 1987
Initial Claims	9,808	16,343	- 40.0
No. of Payments	52,002	36,414	+ 42.8
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,181,167	$ 5,423,906	+ 50.9
Exhaustions	641	662	- 3.2

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Initial Claim	3,636	3,313	3,903
No. of Payments	21,568	26,213	23,706
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,525,075	$ 4,253,292	$ 3,540,821

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Civilian Labor Force	520.4	525.3	508.7
Unemployment	20.7	18.4	22.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.5	4.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.5	3.5	3.8

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	345.5	345.0	339.5
Unemployment	11.7	10.2	12.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	3.0	3.6

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	170.6	170.2	166.9
Unemployment	6.9	5.6	7.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.3	4.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	35,725	35,660	34,400
Unemployment	1,085	865	1,120
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	2.4	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	7,768	100.0
Men	4,183	53.8
Under 45	2,703	64.6
45 and over	1,480	35.4
Women	3,585	46.2
Under 45	1,972	55.0
45 and Over	1,613	45.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Consfruction	836	10.8
Manufactruing	3,316	42.6
Public Utilities	344	4.4
Wholesale and Retail	1,210	15.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359	4.6
Service	1,449	18.7
All Other	254	3.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,464	18.9
Clerical and Sales	1,494	19.2
Service	702	9.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	105	1.4
Processing	269	3.5
Machine Trades	687	8.8
Bench Work	1,315	16.9
Structural Work	837	10.8
Miscellaneous	777	10.0
INA	118	1.5

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	446.7	458.3	440.3	- 11,600	+ 6,400
MANUFACTURING	114.0	116.6	115.9	- 2,600	- 1,900
NONMANUFACTURING	332.7	341.7	324.4	- 9,000	+ 8,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.8	19.9	16.7	- 2,100	+ 1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.5	15.7	14.9	- 200	+ 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	103.1	107.0	100.4	- 3,900	+ 2,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.5	25.0	- 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	112.0	114.4	109.2	- 2,400	+ 2,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.9	59.2	58.2	- 300	+ 700

1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1987 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	114.0	116.6	115.9	- 2600	- 1900	336.84	325.62	40.1	40.2	8.40	8.10
DURABLE GOODS	78.4	80.5	80.0	- 2100	- 1600	331.97	323.21	39.9	40.2	8.32	8.04
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	396.90	377.34	40.5	40.4	9.80	9.34
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 100	+ 100	432.64	416.17	41.6	41.7	10.40	9.98
PRIMARY METALS	4.7*	5.3	5.3	- 600	- 600	409.49	401.33	42.7	43.2	9.59	9.29
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	8.9	9.1	- 100	- 300	317.60	295.37	40.0	39.7	7.94	7.44
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.1	6.2*	-	- 100	448.24	429.28	43.1	42.8	10.40	10.03
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.8	11.9	12.1	- 100	- 300	307.89	295.97	40.3	40.6	7.64	7.29
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.3	9.3	- 100	- 100	458.43	433.61	41.3	41.1	11.10	10.55
INSTRUMENTS	4.8*	4.8*	4.9*	-	- 100	335.78	334.74	40.8	42.0	8.23	7.97
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	23.3	22.7	- 800	- 200	260.35	249.21	38.8	39.0	6.71	6.39
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	6.1	5.8	- 200	+ 100	244.90	240.82	34.3	34.6	7.14	6.96
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.6	36.1	35.9	- 500	- 300	344.97	330.02	40.3	40.1	8.56	8.23
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.1	-	-	313.68	273.06	38.3	37.1	8.19	7.36
TEXTILES	10.0	10.0	10.1	-	- 100	308.10	299.55	40.7	40.7	7.57	7.36
APPAREL	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 100	- 100	299.87	292.83	42.9	43.0	6.99	6.81
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 100	-	310.13	291.51	40.7	40.6	7.62	7.18
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	6.8	6.8	-	-	439.17	415.50	37.6	37.5	11.68	11.08
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	449.35	433.42	41.8	41.2	10.75	10.52
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 100	- 100	352.29	346.52	41.3	41.8	8.53	8.29
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.5	-	+ 200	358.26	347.35	42.0	41.9	8.53	8.29
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 100	- 100	238.85	232.06	38.9	39.6	6.14	5.86

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a labor dispute). Employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment fell by 200 druing the month, followed by downturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipemnt. The two remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from December.

Compared to a year ago, job increases were registered in Stone-Clay-Glass and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+100 each). Conversely, sizable job reductions were recorded in Primary Metals (-600), Fabricated Metals, and Electrical Machinery (-300 each). For the twelve month period, employment in Jewelry-Silverware dropped by 200, followed by downturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and Instruments.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly employment decreases of 100 each were reported in Apparel, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Leather Products. Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last month. On an annual basis, the only employment upturn occurred in Plastics Products (+200). This increase, however, was offset by job declines of 100 each in Textiles, Apparel, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Leather Products. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from January 1987.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector fell by 9,000 in the December-January period, largely the result of sharp seasonal decreases in Trade, Services and Contract Construction. However, the January employment total of 332,700 was 8,300 jobs higher than the figure recorded a year ago.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade posted the most substantial monthly job reduction (-3,900) primarily due to reduced post-holiday activity. However, at 103,100, current Trade employment is up 2,700 from the same month a year ago. Services employment, at 112,000, and Contract Construction, at 17,800, also displayed rather sizable monthly downturns of 2,400 and 2,100, respectively. Nevertheless, compared to a year ago, the former category was up 2,800 while the latter advanced by 1,100. Although overall Government employment fell by 300 for the month, the current total of 58,900 reflects an increase of 700 from the figure reported in January 1987. Jobs in Transportation and Public Utilities were down 200 from the prior month, but increased 600 on an annual basis to the January level of 15,500. Similarly, employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 25,400, was down 100 from December to January, but showed an increase of 400 compared to the year earlier total.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $8.40 in mid-January. This represents a gain of 30 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour on both a monthly and an annual basis to the current estimate of 40.1 hours. Average weekly earnings for these workers in January amounted to $336.84, which represents a slight decrease of 4 cents from last month, but a gain of $11.22 from January of last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1987 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

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